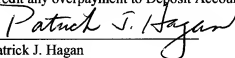


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):**

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of **FIVE (5)** months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1,175.00 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Official Action issued May 4, 2009, in the above-identified patent application sets forth a restriction requirement based on the examiner's contention that the pending claims are directed to eight (8) separate, patentably distinct inventions, as set out at page 2 of the Official Action.

In response to the aforementioned restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group V, i.e., claims 70-72.

Applicants' election of the Group V claims in response to the present restriction requirement is without prejudice to their right to file one or more continuing applications, as provided in 35 USC §121, on the subject matter of any claims finally held withdrawn from consideration in this application.

It is noted that an initial statutory response period of one (1) month was set in the May 4, 2009 Official Action. A petition for a four (4) month extension of the response period is included with this Response to Restriction Requirement, which is being filed before the expiration of the extension period.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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